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S E C R E T DAMASCUS 0127

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DEPARTMENT PASS USCINCEUR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, ET

SUBJECT: ELF/PLF SUMMIT CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY WILL BE HELD  
DAMASCUS JAN. 10.

1. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN EMBOFF WHO MAINTAINS CONTACT  
WITH LOCAL ELF OFFICE, ELF/PLF CONFERENCE WILL BE  
HELD IN DAMASCUS BEGINNING JAN. 10. APPROXIMATELY  
ONE HUNDRED ERITREAN REPS ALREADY IN DAMASCUS,  
HE ASSERTED, INCLUDING SOME MILITARY REPS FROM  
ERITREA. HE SAID HE OBTAINED THIS INFO FROM  
PLF LEADER OSMAN SABBE. ITALIAN SAID HE HAD ASKED  
SABBE WHICH GROUP HAD KIDNAPPED RONALD MICHALKE;  
SABBE REPLIED HE DID NOT KNOW.

2. SYRIAN LAWYER WHO CLAIMS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP  
WITH SABBE CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THIS WEEK BOTH IMMINENCE  
OF ERITREAN CONFERENCE IN DAMASCUS AND  
SABBE'S LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHO HOLDING MICHALKE.

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